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serving district 41: bartholomew and johnson counties

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Bills on the Move

ELECTIONS

SB 483 requires voters to show government-issued photo identification, such as a driver license or ID card at the polls. There is a part of the bill that protects those who claim to be indigent or have a religious objection with being photographed.

Heard by the Elections and Civic Affairs Committee

EDUCATION

SB 285 similar to a bill introduced last year, defines bullying and requires schools to adopt rules prohibiting bullying and take steps to prevent bullying. This is a serious issue in today's schools, and this bill helps school districts deal with the problem without micromanaging their discipline policies.

Passed on Second Reading

SB 200 provides that, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, a student is required to complete the Core 40 curriculum in order to graduate from high school, unless: (1) the student's parent requests that the student be exempted; or (2) in the case of a special education student, the student's individualized education program does not require the Core 40 curriculum.

Referred to the Education and Career Development Committee

PUBLIC SAFETY

SB 516 establishes a victim notification system within the office of Attorney General Steve Carter. The system will notify the victim of a crime when the offender's status changes, he or she is released or has escaped, or if the status of court cases are changed. The bill also requires the system to notify residents if a sex offender is living nearby and allows victims to obtain the recent status of an offender by placing a call to the system. This bill has been

Assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee

SB 230 adds registered neighborhood associations to the list of contacts that are required to periodically receive the sex and violent offender directory published by the Criminal Justice Institute.

Passed the Senate by a vote of 47-0

PUBLIC POLICY

SB 304 exempts spouses and children of Guard members who are killed in the line of duty from paying tuition at any state educational institution. This bill was authored to help support those dependents and spouses who endure financial difficulties after losing a loved one in active duty.

Passed the Senate by a vote of 47-0

TRANSPORTATION

SB 217 would raise Interstate speed limits in rural areas from 65 to 70 mph. Speed limits for semi trucks would be raised from 60 to 65 mph.

Passed out of the Commerce and Transportation Committee

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upcoming events in the indiana senate

- February 24 - Last Day to File and Adopt Committee Reports
- February 28 - Last Day for Second Readings
- March 1 - Last Day for Third Readings

SENATE FACTS

key information about the indiana senate

Membership: 50

Elected by: Voters of each district

Term of Office: State senators are elected to four-year terms. These terms are staggered in such a way that half of the 50 seats are subject to election every two years.

Qualifications: U.S. citizen; resident of Indiana for at least two years before the election; resident of the district for one year prior to the election; at least 25 years of age.

Presiding Officer: It is the constitutional duty of the lieutenant governor to serve as president of the Senate.

Session Length: Session commences the Tuesday after the second Monday in January each year, unless a different day or place is appointed by law. In odd-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than April 29. In even-numbered years, session must adjourn no later than March 13.

Administration: The Legislative Council is composed of 16 legislators, eight from the House of Representatives and eight from the Senate. The chairman rotates annually between the speaker of the House and the president pro tempore of the Senate. Council members set policy for interim activities, recommend rule changes, authorize studies and study committees, and review and supervise expenditures.

Salary: \$11,600 annually

SENATE DISTRICT 41

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